



Informational Notes for First Responders and Officials

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\$5.35 Million for Interoperable Communications Equipment Grants Awarded to 157 Jurisdictions

Gov. Matt Blunt announced 157 local jurisdictions received Interoperable Communications grants totaling \$5.35 million. This grant focuses on promoting interoperability and narrow banding for smaller jurisdictions that otherwise would experience difficulty meeting the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Narrowband deadline of 2013.

A complete list of the jurisdictions can be viewed at the following link:

<http://sema.dps.mo.gov/FY%202005Interoperable%20Communications%20Grant%20Recipients.doc>

Local jurisdictions will replace wideband-only portable and mobile radios, with narrowband units. This move would ensure all emergency officials especially law enforcement could talk to each other over the same channels and increases their flexibility to adapt to technology in the future. The FCC and the Missouri State Highway Patrol set these public safety specific program channels aside. Almost 200 public safety agencies in Missouri have already agreed to implement these multi-discipline interoperability channels in their radios.

The FY05 Interoperable Communications Grant to Missouri totaled \$10 million. Earlier this year, Gov. Blunt's Homeland Security Advisory Council approved \$4.65 million to purchase regional interoperable communications switching equipment for the Kansas City area and the St. Louis area. The remaining \$5.35 million was awarded to local jurisdictions to purchase equipment. All funds for the FY05 Interoperable Communications Grant have been obligated.

FY2005 Interoperable Communications Grant-Specifications-Reminder

By Tom Mohr, Homeland Security Grants Manager/Branch Chief

As described in the FY2005 State Interoperable Communication Grant the following radio specifications are required as the standard for radios purchased by through this grant program. **Project 25 Common Air Interface requires the purchase of digital radios.**

- 48 Channel capacity or more (96 recommended)
- Narrowband capable (the ability to locate 7.5 KHz centers)
- 8 character alphanumeric display
- 136/148-174 MHz frequency range
- FCC type accepted
- Project 25 (CAI) Common Air Interface (conventional mode)

As agreed to in the terms and conditions of the grant, only radios that meet the required specifications may be purchased, any invoices received that do not meet the specifications will be returned to the sub grantee for immediate action.

We also request sub grantees do not have vendor's call SEMA concerning the grant. Local jurisdictional procurement rules are to be followed concerning the purchase of the radios. If you have any questions regarding the terms of the grant, please contact SEMA as you are the responsible, accountable party.

Missouri Tornado Disaster Assistance Exceeds \$22.5 Million

As of May 23, 2006, Missouri citizens have received over \$22,573,330 in federal recovery assistance from the Presidential Disaster Declarations from the recent severe storms, tornadoes and flooding of March 8-13, 2006, and March 30- April 3, 2006.

- \$1,847,239.12 has been approved for Housing Assistance, including lodging expense reimbursement, repair assistance and temporary rental assistance.
- \$4,583,791.22 been approved for Other Needs Assistance which includes grants for personal property, vehicle losses, disaster related medical, dental and funeral expenses, moving and storage expenses as well as other expenses related to serious needs.
- The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has approved \$16,142,300 in low-interest disaster loans for homeowners, renters and businesses.
- **The deadline to register damages from the March30-April 4, 2006 storms is 6 p.m. June 5.**

A total of 3801 Missourians have applied for disaster assistance under both of Missouri's current federal disaster declarations dated March 16, 2006, and April 5, 2006. More than 3053 individuals have visited Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) opened for Missouri residents who have applied for disaster assistance. DRCs are designed to provide applicants with an opportunity to discuss their needs with personnel from state, federal and voluntary organizations that can answer questions and provide recovery information about various programs available to individuals and business owners.

Upcoming Area Coordinator Meetings

Here is a list of upcoming SEMA Area Coordinator meetings:

Area A:	10 a.m., June 1, 2006	Pioneer Trails Planning Comm., Concordia, MO
Area B:	6:30 p.m., June 20, 2006	Days Inn, Kirksville
Area F:	10:00 a.m., June 7, 2006,	Gasconade County Courthouse, Basement EOC
Area G:	11:30 a.m., June 7, 2006	Hillbilly Junction, Willow Springs

SEMA Spring Newsletters Posted on Homepage

SEMA Spring Newsletter link: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/semanews.pdf>

Mitigation Spring Newsletter link: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/mitnews.pdf>

MERC Spring Newsletter link: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/mercnews.pdf>

Blunt Announces Interest Free Energy Loans for Storm Damaged Areas

Gov. Matt Blunt announced that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will offer \$3 million in interest free loans to help communities make public buildings more energy efficient as they repair or rebuild following this spring's fatal storms.

The interest free loans are offered through the State of Missouri's Energy Revolving Fund to federally designated disaster areas and are administered through DNR's Energy Center. Under the loan provisions, applicants may apply for up to \$500,000 in loans that may be used to improve the energy-efficiency of buildings owned by a city, county, school district or higher education entity. The funds can be used to replace tornado-damaged energy-using systems, such as furnaces, boilers and air conditioners, with higher-efficiency equipment or to add insulation to buildings while storm-damage repair is taking place. In cases where a building has been completely destroyed by severe weather, loan money can be used to help pay to install high-efficiency components in a new building.

In addition, the department is assisting low-income residents affected by the tornadoes. DNR has distributed federal weatherization funds to community action agencies in affected areas. The funds will help pay for energy-efficient improvements as repairs are made to homes occupied by low-income families.

Eligible counties include: Pemiscot, Bates, Benton, Boone, Carroll, Cedar, Christian, Greene, Henry, Hickory, Howard, Iron, Lawrence, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Perry, Pettis, Putnam, Randolph, Saline, St. Clair, Vernon, Webster and Wright.

For more information, call the DNR Energy Center at 1-800-361-4827.

Blunt Directs 33 Surplus State Computers to Caruthersville Schools

Gov. Matt Blunt directed the Missouri Office of Administration to transfer 33 surplus computers to the Caruthersville School District. The computers became available due to a scheduled upgrade of the equipment in the Department of Social Services office in Caruthersville. Caruthersville was hit badly by a tornado last month. Transferring the computers from the local Department of Social Services office to the school district will also save the state the expense of transferring them to Jefferson City.

Marion County Citizen Corps Response to Tornadoes in NE Missouri

By Sherry F. Nelson, University of Missouri Extension, Marion County

March 12, 2006 marked an early start for tornado season in Missouri. One of the areas that received extensive damage was Monroe County in NE Missouri. Bruce Bailey of AmeriCorps and Bob Bailey of SEMA contacted Sherry Nelson, University of Missouri Extension Specialist and chair of the Marion County Citizen Corps (MCCC) to help determine the extent and location of damage from the March 12, 2006 tornadoes. NE Missouri MU Extension Staff and MCCC and Marion County CERT (MC-CERT) members helped gather information on the March 12 storm damage. Sherry Nelson and Lou Lemen, Director of United Way of the Mark Twain Area, helped to set up the NEMO (NE Missouri) Unmet Needs Committee. Other activities by MCCC and MC-CERT members have included providing pictures of areas with damage. Having MU Extension staff, CERT and Citizen Corps members as part of the community disaster response and recovery system allows for more rapid and thorough assessment and recovery efforts.

HSRT Grants Deadlines

By Debbie Rathert, Asst HS Program Manager, SEMA - Homeland Security

- **FY 03(1):** ALL invoices and Final Reports are now overdue. Nothing further will be reimbursed on that grant after May 31.
- **FY 03(2):** ALL invoices and Final Reports are due by June 15th. Invoices dated after April 30, 2006 will be denied. IF you are under extension, you will receive a confirmation in writing upon approval from G & T. **(This applies to Interoperable Communications grants as well.)**
- **ALL sub grantees: FY 04:** Unless you have a pending Extension Request with SEMA at this time, ALL invoices and Final Reports are due to SEMA by July 15th.

Failure to meet these deadlines could result in temporary suspension of any Homeland Security grant activity.

DHS Awards \$20 Million to Local Law and Fire Departments 22 Missouri Jurisdictions Receive Awards

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security announced 2005 Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program (CEDAP) Part II awards to more than 1,100 local police and fire departments, totaling more than \$20 million as part of the second phase of the fiscal year

The 22 Missouri jurisdictions receiving grants were:

- 10 Fire Departments: Canton R-V FPD, Webb City FD, Hannibal RFPD, Sni-Valley FPD, Hazelgreen FPD, Ironton FD, Cooper County FPD, Stewartsville FPD, Farmington FD, and Oran FPD.
- Seven Law Enforcement Agencies: City of Park Hills PD, Maryville Department of Public Safety, Ironton PD, Jasper County Metro PD, Richland PD, Portageville PD, and Foristell PD.
- Three Emergency Management Departments: Bates County, Cooper County EMA/911, and Webster County.
- One Local Emergency Planning Committee: Shelby County LEPC.
- One City: City of Knob Knoster.

CEDAP helps meet the equipment needs of smaller jurisdictions by providing communications interoperability, information sharing, chemical detection, sensors, personal protective equipment, technology, and training in using the equipment, devices, and technology. Awards are made to law enforcement and emergency responder agencies not currently eligible for funding through the department's Urban Areas Security Initiative grant program.

More information is available at: <http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/display?content=5620>

CDC Launches New EMAC Environmental Health Website

A new Web page has recently been launched on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Emergency Preparedness and Response Website that provides information on the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) and the EMAC Environmental Health Assistance Project. This Web page can be accessed at www.bt.cdc.gov/planning/emac. Please feel free to share this information with colleagues who might be interested in this information.

Participants Wanted for Two SEMA Classes

State Emergency Management Agency Training Division has openings for two June classes. For more information contact Training Assistant Tina Brown at 573-526-9215 or apply on-line at: <http://training.dps.mo.gov/sematraining.nsf/x/2FE923BFD9C88A0086256E4C007898F5?OpenDocument>

6/8-9/06	Multi-Hazard Planning for Schools (Local to Area D)	Springfield
6/20-21/06	Special Events Contingency Planning for Public Safety Agencies	St. Louis
6/20-22/06	CERT Train-the-Trainer	Columbia
7/18-20/06	Emergency Planning	Jefferson City
8/22-24/06	Homeland Security for Local Governments	Sikeston
9/19-21/06	CERT Train-the-Trainer (Local to Region A)	Independence

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Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committees
By Paul Fennewald, Homeland Security Coordinator

By Executive Orders # 05-20 and 06-09, Governor Blunt institutionalized the Homeland Security Advisory Counsel (HSAC). As stated in Executive Order 06-09, the Advisory Counsel is to "Work with and provide direction to **regional homeland security oversight committees** to establish strategies and priorities for Missouri homeland security grant funding programs and other homeland security initiatives."

In support of the HSAC, the Missouri Office of Homeland Security along with the State Emergency Management Agency is formalizing the formation of Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committees (HSOC) throughout the state of Missouri. These regional committees will utilize the same geographic boundaries as the Missouri State Highway Patrol Troop Regions (Region A-I).

The St. Louis and Kansas City Urban Area Security Initiatives (UASI) have separate Homeland Security Grant Funding sources, and are not considered a part of these committees. However, they will have some interaction with the respective oversight committees in their particular region. In developing overall strategy for homeland security in the state of Missouri, at times they may interact with these committees, as well as the HSAC.

Thirteen (13) core disciplines at the county/local level have been identified as minimum voting participants in these committees. While only one individual from each discipline in a specific region will hold a voting seat on the committee, it is mandated that they represent all segments of their core discipline members in their region, including both county and local interest. They will accomplish this through establishment of working groups within each discipline, that are all inclusive in of their specific discipline in their geographic region. The following are the core disciplines that represent the minimal template for committee membership:

Director of Emergency Management
Police Chief
Sheriff
Fire Chief
County Health
Homeland Security Response Team
City or County Public Works
Mayor or City Administrator
County Commissioner
Private Industry/Public Utility
Emergency Medical Service
911
Volunteer Group Representation

After the initial formation of the Oversight Committee, the voting members will elect a representative from their membership to represent their region. All the nine (9) regional HSOC representatives will collectively participate in providing input to the HSAC in addressing homeland security grant funding issues, as well as furnish input to refine homeland security strategy for the state of Missouri.

Due to the sometimes sensitive nature of “threat”/critical infrastructure material that will be discussed and made available to the HSOC members, HSOC members will be required furnish identifying information to allow a background records check, prior to being allowed to serve on the HSOC. Additionally each member will be required to sign a “non-disclosure” agreement as a condition of membership on the HSOC.

In the event of an allegation of serious misconduct on the part of an HSOC member, the HSOC membership in closed session will be empowered to hold a hearing on relevant issues to the allegation, including hearing from the HSOC member in question, and upon a 2/3 majority vote, if warranted, remove the person in question from membership on the HSOC. A felony criminal conviction shall result in automatic termination from the HSOC. The Homeland Security Coordinator will “Chair” any disciplinary related meetings, in close session.

To further support the Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committees, representatives as designated by the Director or Agency Head of each agency from the following designated agencies will serve as “Ex-Officio” members and will actively work with the Committees, and serve as “subject matter experts” and liaison to the Committees in each respective region:

Missouri State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) Area Coordinator
Designated Regional Planning Committee (Administrative Agent)
Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DPS)
Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP)
Missouri Department of Health and Human Services (DHSS)
Missouri Fire Marshal’s Office (FM)
Missouri Department of Agriculture (DOA)
Missouri Department of Transportation (DOT)
Missouri Water Patrol (WP)(As appropriate to the individual regions)
Missouri Department of Mental Health (DMH)

Other Ex-Officio members from state agencies may be designated by the HSAC to support the Committees, as needed. The HSAC and/or the Committees can request additional Ex-Officio member participation from other non-state agencies and individuals, as needed.

The SEMA Area Coordinators will work closely with the HSOC in each region to facilitate dissemination of information and communication between the HSOC, the designated RPC/Administrative Agent, SEMA, and the Office of Homeland Security. The Deputy Director of SEMA and the Homeland Security Coordinator will co-share responsibility working with the HSOC designated chairperson in each region, the SEMA Area Coordinator, the RPC/Administrative Agent, as well as with the Ex-Officio members in each Region to make sure the HSOCs are functional and supporting Missouri’s homeland security strategy.

Lead Regional Planning Commission Information

Information from Duane Nichols, SEMA Deputy Director

Here are the nine lead Regional Planning Commissions and contact information for our Missouri

- Area A: Pioneer Trails Regional Planning Commission, Executive Director Rick Childers (660) 463-7934, rick@trailsrpc.org
- Area B: Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments, Executive Director Mark Fuqua (573) 565-2203, Fuquacog@rallstech.com
- Area C: Boonslick Regional Planning Commission, Executive Director Steve Etcher (636) 456-3473, etcher@boonslick.org
- Area D: Southwest Missouri Council of Governments, Executive Director Diane May (417) 836-6900, dianemay@missouristate.edu
- Area E: Southeast Missouri Regional Planning & Economic Development Commission, Executive Director Chauncy Buchheit (573) 547-8357, cbuchheit@semorpc.org
- Area F: Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission, Executive Director Edward Siegmund, (573) 657-9779, edwardsiegmund@mmrpc.org
- Area G: South Central Ozark Council of Governments, Executive Director Jim Dancy, (417) 256-4226, jdancy@townsqsr.com
- Area H: Mo-Kan Regional Council, Executive Director Tom Bliss, (816) 233-3144, tom@mo-kan.org
- Area I: Meramec Regional Planning Commission, Executive Director Richard Cavender, (573) 265-2993, rac@meramecregion.org

Each HSROCs will select a committee member to represent their area in an *Area Forum* that will represent all of the regions and local governments at the state level. The forum will periodically prepare reports and convey needs of the regions directly to the Homeland Security Advisory Council. Conversely, the forum will accept direction and feedback from the Advisory Council to convey back to the HSROCs.

In 2005, the Governor established the *Homeland Security Advisory Council*. The Council's purpose is to give oversight to the homeland security grant process, and produce a comprehensive statewide emergency preparedness, response and recovery plan for the Governor's review and approval. The council also coordinates the establishment of the regionalization framework for information sharing between state, regional, and local partners. Homeland Security Advisory Council members are appointed by the Governor and generally comprise directors or representative of key state departments and agencies associated with homeland security planning and response.